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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: General Cabell, Mr. Bissell, Mr. Amory, Colonel White,
Mr. Kirkpatrick (part of meeting), Mr. Helms, Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Kent, [redacted]

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GENERAL CABELL:

a. Asked what action is being taken to meet recommendations of General Taylor regarding beefing up intelligence activities in South Vietnam. Mr. Bissell reported that he had asked for the views of the Station and noted that in his opinion General Taylor is actually referring to tactical OB.

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[redacted] He also commented that we would have to work closely with the MAAG in this regard. Mr. Helms remarked that additional activities on the part of CIA poses a manpower problem and he felt that the MAAG contribution should be complementary to the Agency's. He further noted that in his opinion CIA should continue

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General Cabell stated that in any event we should gear ourselves to work with and support MAAG since by and large it will have the primary responsibility. Mr. Bissell pointed out that there are certain activities which CIA must retain and direct. General Cabell concurred and stated that he would assume the policy pointed out above would be followed unless he heard immediately to the contrary from Mr. Bissell. Mr. Kent

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b. Noted the IG report on the use of Negroes in the Agency, and commented that of the major components, DD/P appeared to be the weakest in this regard. He also stated that every effort should be made to include a Negro in each, or every other, JOT class. It was noted that the above referred-to report had not been circulated to the Deputies for their comment and General Cabell directed that this be done immediately.

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MR. AMORY:

a. Raised the question of providing intelligence estimates to civilian organizations under contract to the intelligence agencies, such as [redacted] etc., and General Cabell made it clear that he did not approve furnishing NIE's as such but, rather, the information contained therein. He said there is no doubt in his mind that if the contractors are furnished NIE's, they will be prone to quote from the estimates and possibly in some cases identify sources -- which must be avoided at all costs.

b. Referred to a State cable indicating that Adenauer may fail in his efforts to form a government.

c. Referred to Ambassador Harriman's continued displeasure over the Meo's attacks on Xieng Khouang, and suggested that the Meo's be directed to exert pressure elsewhere. In response to a query from General Cabell, Mr. Bissell stated that orders to the Meo's originate in the MAAG, Laos, through CIA. However, guerrillas are difficult to control and when their villages are attacked, it is only human nature that they repay in kind. General Cabell stated that in any discussions of this problem, it should be made clear that CIA does not accept the blame for the Xieng Khouang incident for the reasons stated above.

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COLONEL WHITE:

a. Referred to a report he had made at a recent Deputies' Meeting that we had an opportunity to obtain from the Marine Corps some 20,000-30,000 M-1 rifles for \$8 per piece, and stated that there will be some delay in obtaining these arms, and it is possible that they may never be made available from this source at the price indicated. In response to a query from General Cabell, Colonel White said at the moment we are not hurting for M-1's but he would continue to press the Marine Corps since we would be acquiring the rifles at a bargain price -- normal cost is about \$40 per rifle.

b. Reported on the meeting between the Director, General Cabell, himself, and Messrs. Staats and Macy of the Bureau of the Budget on 28 October, and that the representatives from the Bureau had followed the same old line of insisting that CIA go through the exercise of how the Agency would adjust in the event the President directs that our budget be reduced by [redacted]. He said in a subsequent conversation with Macy, it had been made clear that the Bureau would not approve any further withdrawals from the Reserve until such time as this exercise is completed. It was agreed that at tomorrow's meeting with representatives of the EOB for the purpose of requesting a withdrawal from the Reserve, we would be prepared to report the reprogramming already accomplished and also to make clear that the Agency cannot be expected to reprogram every time a request is made for a withdrawal from the Reserve. This led to a discussion as to how we would plan for a subsequent meeting with the Bureau regarding the [redacted] reduction, and Colonel White suggested that within the Agency and for our own planning purposes, we set a figure of [redacted]

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and, based on current budgets, the DD/I plan for [redacted] DD/S for [redacted] and the remainder to come from DD/P. He said he made this suggestion in order to allow for some give and take to meet the proposed reduction if directed by the President. Mr. Bissell stated that in his opinion if the Agency is directed to reduce its budget by [redacted] he proposed, insofar as DD/P is concerned, to recommend completely lopping off such activities as [redacted] [redacted] and others that might be necessary to meet the cut. He said the idea of trying to squeeze and pennypinch would be disastrous and rather than have all programs and projects suffer, we must be prepared to cut out selected projects.

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